

Earth First!

Action Update

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"Intensity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

REPAIR THE STREETS - THE TAKING OF THE M41

We are not going to demand anything. We are not going to ask for anything. We are going to take. We are going to occupy.

Billed as a "Festival Of Resistance" and "the only 'party' worth having", London's *Reclaim The Streets* had street party live up to its promises. At its height upwards of eight thousand people occupied the M41 near Shepherd's Bush transforming the country's smallest motorway into the 'biggest, freest, most spectacular street party yet'.

Thousands of partygoers had gathered at Broadway near Liverpool Street only minutes past the 12 noon meeting time as Saturday 13th July. Leaflets were distributed asking people to "follow down with pride, umbrellas" and to "expect the unexpected". At 12.30pm word spread that it was time to go and a close handed strong Central Mass set off, while the more groups, aided by industrial engineers, moved underground to the westbound Central Line. Fourteen steps and six parked tube trains later the crowd emerged at Shepherd's Bush, where the police, until this point content with surveillance, blocked off the entrance to the M41 roundabout. Some people, unsure if this was the actual site, began partying here.

At the opposite end of the motorway the blockade crew, aware that people had arrived, decided to go for it. Outmanoeuvring police officers they made it onto the road. Two cars were theatrically crashed to block the road and three tripods were erected across the southbound carriageway. At the foot of the railway two sound system vehicles drove on, chased by dozens of police on foot. In what was possibly the scariest moment of the day, the vehicles were surrounded as an empty motorway. The drivers were pulled out and arrested by police officers, certain that they had stopped the party.

But the police had under-estimated the creativity of the crowd. Realising that the road had been taken people began finding alternative ways onto it. Like a river breaking through a dam, the trickle grew into a flood. One large group walked far around the police line, coming up from behind and simply moving past it onto the street. Others found ways through back streets and climbed onto the road further up.

At the blockade, those not already arrested had clambered onto the sound system trucks and witnessed the arresting sight of thousands of people moving up the motorway towards them. Police faces dropped quickly and as the crowd moved they began looking off. The men in red, dark-cuffed armrests, on a road from a vigilante were swiftly de-arrested (de-arrest of the year perhaps?)



and in casual corpses, umbrellas - a complete living room! A table of sand was laid on the tarmac and stools set up on the hard shoulder. These thirty foot 'patronage daises' jolted through the party throwing confetti. Food stalls gave away free stew and sandwiches, graffiti artists added colour to the tarmac, poets read from the railings, acoustic bands played and strolling players performed.

The tripod users, isolated by a police line from the party, negotiated their inclusion and joined the mass of people. The police retreated to the ends of the road setting for re-directing traffic and arguing amongst themselves.

Beneath the giant skirt of one police dome de-constructors set to work. Using a pneumatic drill in time to the techno music, the tarmac of the road was repetitively attacked until large craters littered the fast lane (Embassies were later seen comparing 'chunks' of motorway!). The lunar landscape was then 'reseeded' by the planting of sapling trees rescued from the path of the M1 link road.

As the sun set on an extraordinary day five were hit on the road, four were collected and the busmen concerned. The sound systems announced another free party elsewhere in London, thus at 11pm the music went off and the trucks drove off to the chemo of a grateful crowd.

For nearly ten hours the M41 vibrated, not to the repetitive roar of the car system, but to a human spring, the living sound of a festival, and as the activist put it to a disgruntled copper, "Think yourself lucky, we could have gone anywhere. Buckingham Palace, Downing Street, thousands of people climbing up Parliament".

And, as another said, "Today we are only packing. Tomorrow - anything is possible". Contact London Reclaim the Streets 0171 281 4621

On the morning of Friday 2nd August, the Reclaim the Streets office and one person private house were raided by police, who seized computers as well as various personal effects. At the moment it seems as though at least one person is to be charged with conspiracy to cause criminal damage to the M41. Despite this Reclaim The Streets are still active and as we go to press there are actions planned in support of the London Underground tube strikers. Get in touch with RTS on 0171 281 4621 if you would like more details, know somebody with video footage of the Street Party or are able to discuss a computer.

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Earth First! Website address: <http://www.earthfirst.org/campaigns/earthfirst.html>

RECLAIM THE VALLEYS II

As Celis Energy continues to destroy the South Wales Valleys, the direct action campaign to stop specialist quarrying goes on.

The protest sites are being maintained throughout the summer and despite Celis Energy's incessant efforts the campaign continues to evolve. Whilst holding the sites is important it must be remembered that taking the fight directly to the enemy offers the most effective results. Celis Energy are in trouble.

Helped by the success of the campaign, sponsor mining is back on the public agenda in South Wales. Coupled with increasing public awareness of Wales' ecological crisis, their operations are receiving more attention than ever before. The pressure being put on them is working and they may stop the Nant Helen quarry extension. To help the hoppers there will be an intensive three days of action starting on Wednesday 28th August. To increase it's effectiveness it would be best if people arrived before the Wednesday start. Resources are scarce so it would be best if possible bring what they could, especially vehicles, tents and communications equipment.

For more details contact 01792 475 882 the week before the action or the usual on 0385 711364.

WHATLEY TO EXPAND

Back in December '95 Whatley Quarry was the scene of one of the Earth First! movements biggest actions. One of the aims of that action was to highlight the onerous AMEC Roadstone Corporation's plan to expand the quarry by a further 400,000 sq ft. Last month the Somerset County Council gave permission for that expansion. Local opposition to the expansion is considerable and direct action is now considered to be the only option left.

Planting of mature trees and hedgerows could start at any time. Local campaign group Mendip 114x are active, are organised for building local support but need help from experienced activists for squatting, tree-planting and offensive actions. Ring their information line 01749 880444 if you are interested.

VAL D'ASPE

A Eurocrise is being held through this ecologically sensitive area in southern France. The valley is home to the last native Brown Bear in Europe, and a biber herd has been born recently as well. The campaign here 'La Grande d'Eure' is devoted with enthusiasm this summer and activists from all over the world are invited to come on holiday in the French Pyrenees. For more details contact 05607 582794 (UK) or +31 20 665 0046 (Europe).

WANDSWORTH ECO-VILLAGE

On 2nd August Wandsworth Eco-Village entered the High Courts of Justice. A small permaculture garden was installed just by the entrance steps by the posse of twenty-five who arrived wearing bands of leaves with their dresses. The 'Mam' appeared to have made her mind up ahead of their arrival and the villagers arguments were ignored. Costs were awarded against them in an arbitrary fashion. An appeal is under consideration.

They remained home in Wandsworth only to

discover that five of the six trees along the roadside had been chopped down on behalf of the Highways Department for a road widening scheme. How convenient that they chose a morning where all but a couple of the residents from 'Pure Green' were otherwise occupied defending their homes in court. Fortunately the two who had stayed behind were able to climb the last tree and defend it. The tree is now being protected by a constant vigil.

The village has been alive and kicking for three months now and it is still going from strength to strength. As well as the new houses and the now well established permaculture gardens, it is a much needed green space for the local community (both human and non-human). The villagers are putting a call out for positive people to join with them for gardening, building and non-violent actions.

Over the weekend of 17th/18th September there is to be a reunion for everyone who was around on the first days and anyone who has been there since. All welcome to help with preparations for Action and Water. They are there to stay! For more details contact 01865 722046.

NO M66

Actions against the construction of the M66 near Manchester continue, with a small group of people who regularly go digger driving and crane taking.

The activists are beginning to aggravate AMEC/MacAlpine, who say they are making enquiries against some of the group doing them. The Highways Agency started a propaganda campaign on July 30th/31st at a local school, asking to 'enquire' to residents what the M66 construction meant to them. People arrived and picketed the school and at one point nearly occupied the 'establishment' singing songs, chanting slogans and hanging on tables.

Help is urgently required to battle this insidious. For more details phone: 0161 628 4727 or e-mail 106014.355@compuserve.com

ANTI JSA ACTIONS

The Job Seekers Allowance, yet another stitch on unemployment is due to come in operation this October and will cost thousands of people off benefits and make signing on for those that still qualify for harder.

The Manchester Anti Job Seekers Allowance Group have been holding regular pickets outside Chatham Hill Job Centre, one of the pilot offices for the JSA. Pickets have been attended by between twenty and thirty people and in addition to this the office has been occupied on several occasions. As part of Countdown's 'Three Strikes and You're Out' initiative, around 5000 Anti-JSA activists picketed the Regional Employment office in Solihull Quays on 30th July. They took interest by surprise and staged a demonstration on the reception area of the JSA Implementation Office. For more information write to Dept 99, 1, Newton St, Manchester M6 1HW.

For the address of your local anti-JSA group phone Brighton Chameleons Action Group on 01273 671253. There is also an anti-JSA march in Cardiff planned for Saturday 5th October, meeting at City Hall 12.30pm.

With the JSA coming in soon we thought people may be interested in this job that was recently advertised on The Glasgow Herald newspaper. A Benefits Development Manager for Reliance Security. Annual pay is £25,000 (not including perk) and you get a company car. Send all your applications to: Mr Peter Bennett (General Manager), Reliance Security Services Ltd (Scotland), Rankine House, Port Dundas Business Park, 100 Broom Street, Glasgow G4 9UG.

EVENTS

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Picket in Farnham Forest, London, 10am-12pm
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- 25. **March from the River Rhine, London**
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- 26. **March from the River Rhine, London**
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- 27. **March from the River Rhine, London**
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- 28. **March from the River Rhine, London**
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- 29. **March from the River Rhine, London**
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GREEN ANARCHISTS IN COURT... AGAIN!

Alleged editors of the UK's only protest paper, Green Anarchist, are appearing from 2pm Thursday 8th August at Portsmouth Magistrates court for their criminal hearing. They are charged with harassment to cause criminal damage by publication and if found guilty will almost certainly be sent to jail.

This police raid of radical green in the UK and of the wedge. The state does not draw lines between particular groups or types of actions, they want to criminalise direct action across the board. To do this the conspiracy and incitement laws are the most effective than the CIA, not least because they can try and charge anyone that writes about, or is associated with, a branch of the law as if they were the one that actually committed it.

There will be a Defendants Campaign set up, and a meeting to help form it will be at the Mail-Bel Fair, Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London on Saturday 28th September. Until then donations to help with the costs of travel and other defence costs would be appreciated. Send cash or bank postal orders to: Green Anarchist, RM 1715, London WC1N 3XX.

EARTH NIGHTS

Between 12th-14th July the Earth Liberation Front had called for International Earth Nights to target the perpetrators of all forms of animal abuse. Some of the actions that took place on those nights include the rescue of two monkeys from Shamrock Farm, in East Sussex and the liberation of eight rabbits from Educational Supplies in Angmering, also in East Sussex. Almost, one thousand frozen were released from a fur farm in Canada. For more details of these and other actions that happen read the latest issue, due out soon, of Direct Action Direct available from Clutterbuck Earth First! at PO Box 98, Chislehurst, West Sussex, PO19 4GL. Send a donation to cover costs.

BOUGAINVILLE SUPPORT ACTION

Bougainville is an island in the Pacific that is occupied by Papua New Guinea. The mining company RTZ/CRA had a large copper mine on the island, causing widespread ecological damage, that was opposed by the locals. This opposition moved from protest to revolution, with initially the destruction of the mine by explosives, and then the formation of the Bougainville Revolutionary Army where some is to get the RTZ/CRA mine to close permanently and to get the occupation forces out.

Papua New Guinea to leave the island. In solidarity with the BRA, who were fighting off a newly launched PNG military offensive, on Monday 19th July seventy people aimed to occupy the Australian Embassy in London. Due to a large police presence, and the embassy already having shut



RTZ Offices at St James' Square London

down, the people moved to the RTZ offices. The building was attacked and red paint was thrown over the reception area. Riot police arrived within a minute and eventually these people out. There were three arrests, one released without charge, and the other two are to appear back to the police in August to see if they will be charged as well. The action was the second item on Australian national TV and as well as an Australian media station telephoned an activist here in the UK for an interview.

For more details on Bougainville and the ecological revolution going on there, as well as details of future actions planned in this country contact: Bougainville Freedom Movement (UK), c/o SDEP Prior House, Tilbury Place, Brighton, BN2 2JY. The offensive launched by the PNG Defence Force was initially claimed to be a success by the PNG authorities, but it has now been revealed that the BRA fought the offensive off and have not lost any of the land they are holding.

TOXICS AND GENETICS FORUM

Toxics and Genetic Engineering is the content of a campaign has largely been ignored by Earth First! and a meeting held in Birmingham on Saturday 2nd August provided a forum to talk about this. As a result a national campaign against Genetic Engineering and Toxics was launched. Campaigners from across the country discussed ideas and resources in an effective campaign and many useful contacts were made.

It was decided that each group would distribute their own literature and information according to their particular skills and interest in a way that does not undermine solidarity and

common identity. This was agreed on as opposed to a national organisation that could bring about problems in structure and responsibility for media. Most importantly it was agreed there would be no condemnation of each others actions.

The campaign at present will concentrate on both the toxics and genetic issues until it is large enough to split or information distribution becomes a problem.

So far as concrete plans for actions that came out of the meeting, it looks as though the National Action this year will be one that is relevant to these issues. There will also be an action in the middle of September - details will be announced. Contact numbers are 01273 459913 or 0151 339 3473.

NEWBURY

Nine coach loads of fresh new seventy guards have recently arrived in Newbury, courtesy of Probation (who have already had their officers visited by protesters). Work on a compound will probably start any day. Already half the Corston units around the country have been hit, including one in London directly after their EGM on the 22nd of July. Earlier on week Corston had already undergone a gelling from their own shareholders.

Starting on Sunday 25th August and going on until the 30th there is to be 'The Newbury Hippies Film Festival'. On the Sunday there will be a Friends of the Earth Art Bypass event. Bank Holiday Monday there is to be a Black Route Walk and Pagan Fane. Then the rail action will start on the Tuesday continuing on until the Friday (and hopefully way beyond). There will be something for everyone to do. As well as this there is Clutterbuck's an International Anti-Corston campaign starting up!

For an up to date list of Corston sites and officers, both UK and overseas, send an SAE to: Third Estate of Newbury, PO Box 3544, Newbury, RG14 5PB, UK, or call 01635 45544.

McMURDER AT STONEHENGE?

The English Heritage chairman Sir Jocelyn Stevens has suggested that McDonald's be allowed to open a burger restaurant at the prehistoric site's new visitor centre. For Jocelyn said recently "Why not McDonald's? There should be a choice of restaurants appealing to all pockets and a choice of experience. The average time a tourist spends now at Stonehenge is twenty minutes and if you have a better experience, if there is more to see and do, you will stay longer. We want the visitor centre to become a destination."

For more details of this issue plus contact the McHed Support campaign on 0175 313 1269.

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